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I'VE TOLD YOU 1,000 TIMES, LOIS. I CAN'T MARRY YOU! MY CAREER COMES FIRST!
OH, SUPERMAN, MY BELOVED! I'LL NEVER GIVE UP HOPE ...I'LL WAIT FOR YOU ALL MY LIFE!
THOSE TWO VOICE MIMICS! THEY'RE RECORDING ANOTHER ALBUM MAKING FUN OF ME AND SUPERMAN! HE'LL BE FURIOUS WHEN HE HEARS THIS!
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SUDDENLY, SHE COMES UPON AN UNCONSCIOUS MAN... HIS GLANDS SWOLLEN... FEVERISH...
THESE ARE THE SYMPTOMS, I LEARNED, OF... BUBONIC PLAGUE! I MUST GET HELP!

TAKING A DESERTED HORSE AND CART, LIN TAN HURRIES 15 MILES TO RANGOON...
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GREATEST COMEDY RECORD HIT OF ALL TIME! "PLEASE MARRY ME, SUPERMAN!"

YOU'LL SCREAM WITH LAUGHTER WHEN YOU HEAR LOIS LANE'S DESPERATE ATTEMPTS TO LAND **SUPERMAN** FOR A HUSBAND!

HILARIOUS! 1,000 LAFFS!

HA, HA! IT'S... LOIS LANE!
SHE'S GOT NO PRIDE! I'D NEVER CHASE A MAN LIKE THAT!
HOW DREADFUL! EVERYONE LAUGHS AT ME WHEREVER I GO... EVEN SUPERMAN!!

POOR LOIS! AS THOUGH IT WEREN'T BAD ENOUGH THAT THE PRETTY GIRL REPORTER HAS BEEN CRYING HER HEART OUT FOR YEARS BECAUSE **SUPERMAN** HASN'T MARRIED HER, SUDDENLY THIS UNHAPPY FACET OF HER LIFE BECOMES THE THEME OF A HILARIOUS COMEDY RECORD ALBUM!...SUPPOSE **YOU** WERE LOIS! HOW WOULD **YOU** FEEL IF EVERYONE COULDN'T HELP LAUGHING AT **YOUR** SECRET SORROW WHENEVER THEY LISTENED TO—

The "SUPERMAN-LOIS" HIT RECORD!

ONE DAY, IN METROPOLIS, AS LOIS LANE AND CLARK KENT ATTEND A PARTY..
THIS IDEA OF EVERYONE DRESSED LIKE HILLBILLIES IS FUN!
OUR HOST LOVES A GOOD LAUGH!
THAT'S ENOUGH DANCING, FOLKS! I'M GOING TO PLAY A HILARIOUS NEW RECORD!

NEXT MOMENT...
WHOOOSHH!
I CAUGHT YOU FROM FALLING JUST IN TIME, LOIS! DON'T YOU KNOW IT'S DANGEROUS TO GO MOUNTAIN CLIMBING WITHOUT A GUIDE?
SOB! YOU'RE RIGHT, SUPERMAN!
THOSE VOICES, THEY SOUND LIKE MINE AND SUPERMAN'S!
YES! NO ONE REALIZES I'M SECRETLY SUPERMAN.

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LOIS, YOU'RE TOO CARELESS, CURIOUS AND CHILDISH! YOU'RE MORE TROUBLE FOR ME THAN LUTHOR AND BRAINIAC ROLLED INTO ONE! WHEN WILL YOU STOP PESTERING ME?
HOW AWFUL! THE RECORD IS MAKING FUN OF MY AMBITION TO WED SUPERMAN!
WHEN YOU PROPOSE TO ME, SUPERMAN!

MARRY ME, SUPERMAN, AND I'LL WIPE YOUR SHOES, I'LL SCRUB AND CLEAN YOUR ARCTIC FORTRESS, I'LL SWEEP AND DUST THE SUPERMAN MUSEUM! SAY YOU WANT ME!
I WANT YOU, LOIS!

GASP!--YOU DO?! WHEN'LL WE GET MARRIED, SUPERMAN?
HA, HA! WHO MADE THE RECORD?
THE COMEDIAN, DON WEEDER... LIKE IT, LOIS?
LOVE IT!
GR-RR! I HATE IT! BUT I DON'T WANT TO SPOIL THE PARTY!
MARRIED, NOTHING! I WANT TO HIRE YOU, LOIS! TO WIPE MY SHOES, SCRUB AND CLEAN THE ARCTIC FORTRESS, SWEEP AND DUST THE...

NEXT DAY
SO THIS IS THE OFFICE OF THAT CORNY, UNFUNNY, SO-CALLED COMEDIAN, EH? HOW DARE HE POKE FUN AT MY ROMANTIC YEARNINGS FOR SUPERMAN?! I OUGHT TO BREAK HIS HEAD IN WITH MY PURSE... AND SUE HIM, TOO!
DON WEEDER PRODUCTIONS

BUT MOMENTS LATER...
GASP!--I RECOGNIZE YOU! YOU'RE MISS LANE!
HOW BIG OF YOU TO COME TO TELL ME YOU ENJOYED THE RIBBING I GAVE YOU AND SUPERMAN! YOU'RE IN DISTINGUISHED COMPANY!
I AM?

Much enjoyed your good natured spoof! J.F.K.
Never was so many blest by so many stinging gags! Regards, Winston C.
Ha, Ha. Loved the "shoe bit" K
?!

I ALMOST DIED LAUGHING THE FIRST TIME I HEARD YOUR RECORD!
WHAT A GREAT TRIBUTE!
GOSH, IF SUCH FAMOUS PEOPLE DIDN'T MIND BEING KIDDED, I'LL BE A GOOD SPORT, TOO! ANYWAY, THE RECORD WILL PROBABLY BE A FLOP, AND THAT'LL BE THE END OF THAT!
ONE WEEK LATER...
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DARN IT ALL! PEOPLE ARE STANDING IN LINE TO BUY THAT RECORD! IT'S BECOME THE BEST SELLING ALBUM OF ALL TIME! EVERY WHERE I TURN, I HEAR IT! AND WHEN I'M RECOGNIZED, PEOPLE LAUGH!
IT'S HER... HA, HA... LOIS LANE!
MARRY ME, SUPERMAN, AND I'LL WIPE YOUR SHOES, I'LL...
POP'S RECORD SHOP
"PLEASE MARRY ME, SUPERMAN" COMEDY RECORD ALBUM HIT!
AND WHEN LOIS VISITS LANA...
DARLING SUPERMAN, DO YOU EVER DREAM OF ME?
YES, LOIS... WHENEVER I HAVE A NIGHTMARE!
HA, HA! I NEVER GET TIRED OF PLAYING THAT ALBUM OVER, AND OVER, AND OVER! IT'S A SCREAM!
YES... ISN'T IT?
IF THIS KEEPS UP, I'LL SCREAM! I'M SICK OF PRETENDING I ENJOY BEING A LAUGHING-STOCK!
THE FOLLOWING DAY, AS LOIS ATTENDS A NEWSPAPER CONVENTION...
LOIS-- WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
OUT! YOU CAN KEEP THAT "NEWSGAL OF THE YEAR" PRIZE! I CAME HERE TO BE HONORED, NOT LAUGHED AT!
IMAGINE--GIVING ME 100 COPIES OF THAT INFERNAL ALBUM AS A PRIZE!
SHORTLY, IN LOIS' APARTMENT.
MUST RELAX... BE CALM... FORGET THAT DISGUSTING ALBUM! AH-HH... THAT SOFT, ROMANTIC MUSIC IS... SOOTHING...!
...AND NOW, DUE TO POPULAR DEMAND, WE DEPART FROM OUR USUAL TYPE OF RHYTHMIC PLATTERS TO PRESENT A GREAT NEW HIT!

WHOOOSH-HH!
GREAT SCOTT! I CAUGHT YOU FROM FALLING JUST IN TIME, LOIS! DON'T YOU KNOW...
YIPES! OH, NO... NO!!

SHUT UP! THIS IS TOO MUCH! THAT FIENDISH RECORD IS HAUNTING ME EVERYWHERE I TURN! I'LL GO STARK, RAVING MAD IF I HEAR IT AGAIN!

NEXT MORNING, LOIS RESORTS TO A DESPERATE STRATEGY...
THERE! THESE EAR-PLUGS SHOULD DO THE TRICK JUST FINE! NOW I WON'T DREAD WALKING TO WORK!

I'LL SWEEP AND DUST THE SUPERMAN MUSEUM! SAY YOU WANT ME!
HA, HA! THE ALBUM IS PROBABLY BLASTING OUT OF THAT LOUD-SPEAKER, BUT I DON'T HEAR IT! I'LL IGNORE THE LEERING BABOONS!

SECONDS AFTERWARD...
HEY!!
BEEP! BEEP!
HOLY CATS! I'M GONNA HIT THE DAME! SHE DOESN'T SEE ME... AND SHE MUST BE DEAF!
BUY RITE

GOOD THING I WAS FLYING BY ON PATROL AND SAW YOUR PERIL, LOIS!
OH, IT'S YOU, SUPERMAN! I CAN'T HEAR WHAT YOU'RE SAYING!

SOON...
THERE, I'VE TAKEN THE EAR-PLUGS OUT OF MY EARS! THANKS FOR SAVING ME! YOU WERE SAYING...?
YOU'RE MORE TROUBLE FOR ME THAN LUTHOR AND BRAINIAC ROLLED INTO ONE!
HA, HA! THAT'S JUST WHAT HE SAYS TO HER IN THAT COMEDY ALBUM!

CHOKE!--IT WAS CHEAP AND MEAN OF YOU TO SAY THAT JUST TO GET A LAUGH AT MY EXPENSE! I NEVER WANT TO SEE YOU AGAIN, SUPERMAN!
I'M SORRY, LOIS! I GUESS I SUBCONSCIOUSLY REPEATED THAT LINE, AFTER HAVING HEARD IT SO OFTEN ON THE RECORD!
DAILY PLANET

LATER, AFTER SUPERMAN HAS CHANGED TO HIS CLARK KENT IDENTITY, UNSEEN...
DON WEEDER'S RECORDING A SEQUEL TO THE "PLEASE MARRY ME!" SUPERMAN RECORD! GO COVER IT! YOU HANDLE THE WOMAN'S ANGLE, LOIS-AND CLARK THE MALE REACTION!
PERRY WHITE EDITOR

SHORTLY, AT THE RECORDING STUDIO...
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE, LANA?
I'M TO REVIEW DON'S NEW RECORD FOR MY TV NEWSCAST. THIS IS EVEN FUNNIER THAN THE FIRST ALBUM, I UNDERSTAND! IT'S ABOUT SUPERMAN'S HEADACHES IF HE MARRIES LOIS!
WHA-AAT?!
STUDIO 3

SOON, AS THE ACTOR-MIMICS BEGIN RECORDING THE NEW ALBUM...
EVER SINCE WE GOT MARRIED, LOIS, ALL YOU DO IS NAG...!
I NEVER NAG! BUT... WHEN'S THE LAST TIME YOU TOOK ME ON A VACATION TOUR OF THE UNIVERSE? ...YOU'RE ALWAYS FIXING WORLD EMERGENCIES, BIG SHOT--HOW ABOUT FIXING OUR DRIPPING FAUCET?... LATELY, YOU'RE ALWAYS BUSY PATROLLING! IS IT BECAUSE YOU WANT TO HELP HUMANITY... OR IS IT JUST AN EXCUSE TO GET AWAY FROM ME?!

MAKING FUN OF AN IMAGINARY MARRIAGE BETWEEN SUPERMAN AND ME IS TOO MUCH! I'M LEAVING!
WHAT'S WITH HER? I WOULDN'T MIND IT IF THE RECORD KIDDED ME!
POOR LOIS! I'LL SLIP AWAY, CHANGE TO SUPERMAN, AND CHEER HER UP!
A FEW MINUTES LATER...
LOIS, I...!
WHOOOSHH!
JUST THE MAN I WANT TO SEE! LISTEN, YOU! I WOULDN'T MARRY YOU, SUPERMAN, IF YOU WERE THE LAST MAN ON EARTH OR ANY OTHER WORLD!
GET OUT OF MY LIFE AND STAY OUT!--TO OTHERS, YOU'RE A MAN OF STEEL! BUT TO ME, YOU'RE JUST A SUPER-HEEL!-OWWCH! MY HAND
YOU SHOULD KNOW BETTER THAN TO SLAP ME, LOIS! I'M INVULNERABLE...REMEMBER?
I DON'T BLAME HER FOR BEING UPSET!
WHAPP
LATER, AT THE PLANET...
I THINK YOU'LL LIKE THIS NEXT ASSIGNMENT, LOIS! I WANT YOU TO COVER THE FAMOUS STEVE ALLEN TV SHOW IN HOLLYWOOD, AT ONCE!
I'LL BE GLAD TO BE WHERE PEOPLE WILL LAUGH AT SOMEONE ELSE, FOR A CHANGE!
AFTER LOIS FLIES TO THE WEST COAST, AND JOINS THE TV SHOW'S AUDIENCE...
HI, FOLKS! THIS IS CLARK KENT FILLING IN FOR STEVE, WHO IS VACATIONING TONIGHT! STEVE ASKED ME TO FILL IN FOR HIM, SINCE I RESEMBLE HIM SO MUCH!
:GASP!:
THEN, IN TYPICAL STEVE ALLEN FASHION, CLARK POKES FU AT HIMSELF BY DOING A COMEDY ROUTINE...
AWP! ARE YOU S-SURE STEVE OFTEN WARMS UP THE AUDIENCE BY JUMPING ON A TRAMPOLINE?
I'LL PRETEND TO BE CLUMSY AND SCARED--TO COVER UP MY SECRET IDENTITY!
OH, HOW FUNNY!

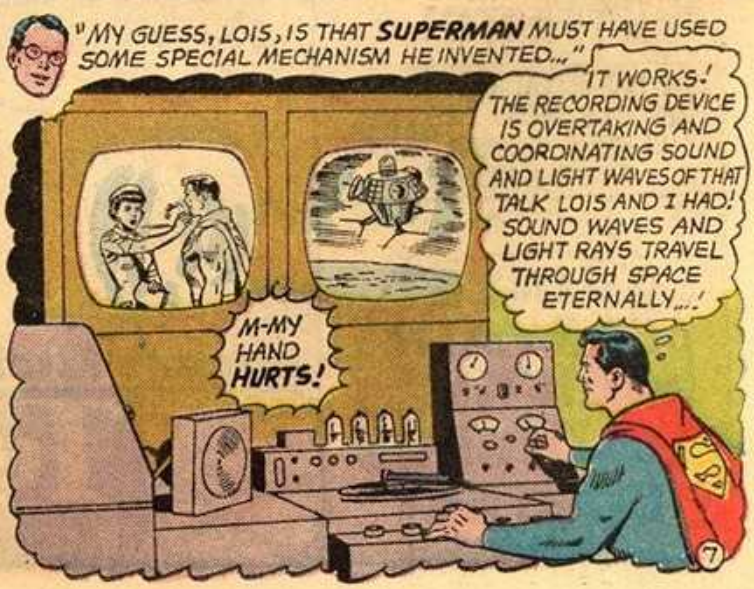
PRESENTLY...
AND NOW, FOLKS, LET'S LISTEN TO A RECORD SUPERMAN GAVE ME TO PLAY!
HERE WE GO AGAIN! THE RECORD IS PROBABLY GOING TO MAKE FUN OF ME! WELL, I WON'T STAY TO BE LAUGHED AT!

WHOOOSHH
LOIS, I...
JUST THE MAN I WANT TO SEE! LISTEN YOU!

I WOULDN'T MARRY YOU, SUPERMAN, IF YOU WERE THE LAST MAN ON EARTH OR ANY OTHER WORLD!
SAY, FOLKS--THIS SOUNDS LIKE THE REAL THING! I KNOW THOSE VOICES--THEY BELONG TO THE REAL SUPERMAN AND LOIS!!

GET OUT OF MY LIFE AND STAY OUT!
GOODNESS! THIS WILL BE HEARD BY THE SHOW'S MILLIONS OF FANS! NOW EVERYONE WILL KNOW I'M NOT LIKE THE PATHETIC, LOVE-STARVED NUT IN THE COMEDY RECORDS--AND THAT IN REAL LIFE I TOLD SUPERMAN OFF!

AFTER THE SHOW...
THAT WAS A REAL QUARREL BETWEEN SUPERMAN AND ME, CLARK, JUST AS YOU SAID! BUT THERE WEREN'T ANY MICROPHONES PRESENT! SO HOW COULD SUPERMAN HAVE RECORDED IT?
I'VE A THEORY!


"MY GUESS, LOIS, IS THAT SUPERMAN MUST HAVE USED SOME SPECIAL MECHANISM HE INVENTED..."
IT WORKS! THE RECORDING DEVICE IS OVERTAKING AND COORDINATING SOUND AND LIGHT WAVES OF THAT TALK LOIS AND I HAD! SOUND WAVES AND LIGHT RAYS TRAVEL THROUGH SPACE ETERNALLY...!
M-MY HAND HURTS!

I'LL NEVER TELL LOIS THAT I ASKED STEVE TO LET ME TAKE HIS PLACE, SO THAT I COULD SQUARE THINGS FOR LOIS BY PLAYING THAT RECORD!
THANKS FOR LETTING ME SUBSTITUTE FOR YOU TONIGHT, STEVE! SUPERMAN ASKED ME TO PLAY THIS RECORD ON YOUR SHOW!
SURE THING, CLARK! ANYTHING FOR A PAL!

GOSH, CLARK, SUPERMAN IS A REAL DOLL TO CLEAR UP THE PUBLIC'S WRONG IDEA ABOUT ME, LIKE THIS! I'M SORRY I WAS SO RUDE TO HIM! DO YOU THINK HE'LL FORGIVE ME?
I KNOW HE WILL!

LATER, AT AN AIRPORT, WHERE THEY AWAIT A PLANE BOUND FOR METROPOLIS...
HOW ABOUT THAT!
LUCKY GIRL! SHE WON HER "SUPERMAN"! WILL I WIN MINE? I... HOPE SO. HE'S A GREAT GUY!
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LOIS LANE

COME ON, DICE! YOU'VE GOT TO LOSE! YOU'VE GOT TO! I'M SUPPOSED TO PROVE THAT GAMBLING IS FOR SUCKERS!... BUT I'M WINNING A FORTUNE WITH EVERY ROLL OF THE DICE!
IT'S LOIS LANE! THEY CALL HER "THE GIRL WITH THE GOLDEN ARM"! SHE ROLLS NOTHING BUT SEVENS AND ELEVENS! SHE JUST CAN'T LOSE!
IN THE WORLD OF GAMBLERS, WE'VE OFTEN HEARD OF A PERSON ON A WINNING STREAK WHOSE FABULOUS LUCK DEFIES THE LAWS OF CHANCE. BUT NEVER, NEVER ENVY THE PLUNGER WHO JUST CAN'T SEEM TO LOSE! FOR ONE DAY LADY LUCK SMILES AT LOIS LANE, AND HER LIFE CHANGES INTO A NIGHTMARE AS SHE BECOMES NOTORIOUS AS...
The GIRL with the GOLDEN ARM!
Schaffenberger

ONE DAY AT THE RACE TRACK, AS THE LAST RACE ENDS...
WELL, JIMMY, THAT'S SEVEN LOSERS IN A ROW I PICKED! I GUESS I'M THE ORIGINAL MISS HARD LUCK!
DON'T FEEL BAD, LOIS. IT WASN'T YOUR MONEY YOU BET. BESIDES, IT'LL MAKE A GREAT FEATURE ARTICLE FOR YOUR SERIES!

NEXT MORNING, AS THE DAILY PLANET HITS THE NEWSSTANDS...
THIS LANE DAME IS RIGHT! THE NAGS COST ME A GRAND LAST MONTH!
DAILY
ONLY SUCKERS BET!
NO. 3 IN A SERIES BY LOIS LANE
YESTERDAY I LOST $700 AT THE RACETRACK. I DIDN'T HAVE A CHANCE. IT CAN HAPPEN TO YOU!

THE NEXT DAY, TELECASTING FROM THE **DAILY PLANET** TV STATION, EDITOR PERRY WHITE MAKES AN ANNOUNCEMENT...

...AND AS PART OF MY PAPER'S ANTI-GAMBLING CRUSADE, I'VE GIVEN LOIS $5,000 TO PROVE THAT GAMBLERS **NEVER** WIN!

IF I HAD WON, MY PROFITS WOULD HAVE GONE TO CHARITY! BUT SO FAR, I'VE **LOST** $2,000!

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PERRY WHITE

AND NOW **SUPERMAN** WILL TAKE ME TO LAS VEGAS, THE GAMBLING CAPITAL OF AMERICA, WHERE I'LL RISK THE REST OF THIS BANKROLL! IF I SHOULD WIN AT LAS VEGAS, **SUPERMAN** WILL FLY ME TO MONTE CARLO!

BUT BEFORE WE GO, LOIS, LET ME GIVE YOU THIS PENDANT!

IT WAS MINED FROM THE **CRYSTAL MOUNTAINS** OF **KRYPTON!** SUPERSTITIOUS KRYPTONIANS CONSIDERED IT A LUCKY CHARM! I GOT IT FROM A MUSEUM IN THE BOTTLE OF **KANDOR** AND ENLARGED IT FOR YOU!

LIKE A RABBIT'S FOOT, EH? THANKS, **SUPERMAN!** THIS WILL HELP PROVE THAT THE GOOD-LUCK CHARMS GAMBLERS DEPEND ON ARE USELESS!

IN A MATTER OF MOMENTS, **SUPERMAN** AND LOIS ARRIVE AT LAS VEGAS...

THANKS FOR DROPPING ME AT THE AIRPORT! I'LL TAKE THIS TAXI TO MY HOTEL! A DRIVE THROUGH THE CITY WILL GIVE ME THE BACKGROUND MATERIAL I NEED FOR MY SERIES!

GOODBYE, LOIS! I'LL PICK YOU UP WHEN THE MONEY'S GONE!

ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF THE GAMBLING RESORT...

DRIVER, LOOK AT THOSE GOLFERS! AM I SEEING THINGS, OR IS THAT--?

YES, MISS LANE! IT'S JERRY LEWIS AND BOB HOPE! LOTS OF CELE-BRITIES COME TO LAS VEGAS FOR RECREATION!

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THAT EVENING, AS LOIS ENTERS THE GAMBLING CASINO AT HER HOTEL...

I EXCHANGED MY MONEY FOR CHIPS! I THINK I'LL TRY THE ROULETTE WHEEL! I'M BOUND TO LOSE! THE ODDS ARE 36 TO 1 AGAINST PICKING THE WINNING NUMBER!

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, PLACE YOUR BETS!

BUT TO LOIS' AMAZEMENT...
AND THE PRETTY LADY WINS!
IT WAS A FREAK OF LUCK! I'LL TRY ANOTHER NUMBER!

FANTASTICALLY, LOIS WINS AGAIN AND AGAIN, UNTIL...
I HATE TO DO THIS, MISS LANE, BUT THIS TABLE IS CLOSED! YOU'VE BROKEN THE BANK!
ER--I'M SORRY! I THINK I'LL TRY ANOTHER GAME!
GOOD GRIEF! A WINNING STREAK IS THE LAST THING I WANT! OH, WELL, I'M SURE MY LUCK WON'T HOLD!

BUT SHORTLY, AT THE DICE TABLE...
HOLY HAT! ANOTHER SEVEN! THAT'S TEN NATURALS IN A ROW! LOIS LANE IS THE LUCKIEST GIRL I'VE EVER SEEN!
GULP! THIS IS TERRIBLE! HOW CAN I TELL MY PUBLIC IT'S FOOLISH TO GAMBLE WHEN I KEEP WINNING ALL THE TIME?

AT THAT MOMENT...
I'M RUINED! I'VE LOST MY RANCH, MY OIL WELLS... EVERYTHING! MR. BOWER, CAN'T YOU LOAN ME A FEW DOLLARS FOR ANOTHER STAKE?
SORRY, BUT IT'S AGAINST THE RULES OF THE HOUSE TO GRANT CREDIT TO ANYONE! I THINK YOU'D BETTER LEAVE NOW!

BUT LOIS HAS OVERHEARD THE DISTURBANCE...
I LOST MY SHIRT, BUT LOIS LANE IS WINNING A FORTUNE! IT'S THAT KRYPTONIAN LUCKY CHARM SHE'S WEARING! THEY SAY SUPERMAN GAVE IT TO HER!
GOOD HEAVENS! CAN HE BE RIGHT?... NO! NO SENSIBLE PERSON WOULD BELIEVE IN A GOOD-LUCK PIECE!

A FEW MOMENTS LATER...
TWENTY-SEVEN PASSES IN A ROW! THAT BREAKS THE CASINO RECORD!
MISS LANE, I'M ACE BOWER, THE MANAGER! I'D LIKE TO PUT THESE DICE IN THE CASINO MUSEUM!
ER... OF COURSE, MR. BOWER!

AND AS LOIS' WINNINGS ARE DEPOSITED WITH THE CASHIER FOR SAFEKEEPING...

:GROAN!: WHAT A TWIST! I'M SUPPOSED TO BE WORKING ON AN ANTI-BETTING CRUSADE, AND I END UP IN THE GAMBLERS' "HALL OF FAME"! I THINK I'LL GO OUT FOR SOME FRESH AIR!

THESE DICE WERE USED BY LOIS LANE TO ESTABLISH A NEW HOUSE RECORD OF TWENTY-SEVEN STRAIGHT PASSES

BUT AS LOIS WALKS IN A SECLUDED CORNER OF THE HOTEL GARDEN...

MISS LANE, I'M DESPERATE! I'VE LOST MY LAST CENT! THERE'S ONLY ONE THING THAT CAN CHANGE MY LUCK ... THAT KRYPTONIAN PENDANT! HAND IT OVER!

:ULP!: THE **KRYPTONIAN** LUCKY PIECE? OF COURSE! TAKE IT! IT'S YOURS!

MAYBE I'LL BREAK MY WINNING STREAK IF I GET RID OF IT!

JUST THEN...

EVERYTHING'S OKAY, MISS LANE! THE SECURITY GUARDS WILL TAKE CARE OF THIS CHARACTER!

WE SHOULD TURN YOU OVER TO THE POLICE, BUT WE'LL BUY YOU A BUS TICKET AND SEND YOU BACK HOME!

ER--THANKS!

LATER, LOIS TRIES HER LUCK WITH THE SLOT MACHINES

GREAT GUSHERS! SHE HIT THE JACKPOT ON THE FIRST TRY!

WHAT DID YOU EXPECT? WHY DO YOU THINK I ASKED YOU TO LEND ME YOUR HAT, SIR?

AND AS THE FABULOUS EVENING ENDS...

I'VE CASHED YOUR CHIPS, MISS LANE! YOU'VE WON ONE HUNDRED GRAND!

A HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS! THIS IS AWFUL! WINNING THIS MONEY IS THE WORST THING THAT COULD HAPPEN TO ME!

I'VE HEARD ABOUT YOUR CRUSADE, MISS LANE! THOUGH I'M A GAMBLER, I KNOW HOW YOU FEEL! PERHAPS YOUR LUCK WILL CHANGE WHEN YOU GO TO MONTE CARLO!

YOU'RE RIGHT, MR. BOWER!

SUPERMAN WILL BE CHECKING WITH ME TOMORROW! I'LL HAVE HIM TAKE ME TO MONTE CARLO!

SOON, AS **SUPERMAN** WINGS ACROSS THE ATLANTIC...

SUPERMAN, I'M CERTAIN THIS JEWEL FROM **KRYPTON** IS THE CAUSE OF MY GOOD FORTUNE!

YOU COULD BE RIGHT, LOIS! I'M NOT SUPERSTITIOUS, BUT KRYPTONIAN MINERALS AND ELEMENTS GAIN AMAZING POWERS IN EARTH'S ENVIRONMENT. THAT CHARM MAY BE BRINGING YOU SUPER-LUCK! YOUR EXPERIENCES IN MONTE CARLO WILL BE THE FINAL TEST!

PRESENTLY, AT A ROYAL RECEPTION BY PRINCESS GRACE AND PRINCE RANIER OF MONACO, RULERS OF MONTE CARLO...

MISS LANE... **SUPERMAN!** WE ARE PROUD TO WELCOME YOU TO OUR LITTLE COUNTRY!

THANK YOU, YOUR HIGHNESS! SHE'S LOVELY! I REMEMBER HER WHEN SHE WAS A TOP MOVIE STAR... GRACE KELLY!

THEN AT LOIS' HOTEL, AFTER THE RECEPTION...

GOODBYE, LOIS! I'M OFF ON A MISSION! THEY'VE ASKED ME TO REPAIR BIG BEN, THE GIANT CLOCK IN LONDON! LOT'S OF LUCK IN MONTE CARLO! AHEM! I MEAN BAD LUCK!

SO LONG, **SUPERMAN!**

VERY FUNNY! IF I DON'T START LOSING SOON, THE **DAILY PLANET'S** ANTI-GAMBLING CRUSADE WILL BE SUNK!

AS LOIS IS SHOWN INTO HER SUITE...

...AND AS A SPECIAL SERVICE, EACH GUEST IS PROVIDED WITH A PRIVATE SAFE FOR HIS VALUABLES!

THANK YOU! I'LL KEEP MOST OF MY LAS VEGAS WINNINGS IN THERE... THAT IS, UNTIL I LOSE THEM HERE IN MONTE CARLO... I HOPE! I'LL JUST TAKE $1,000 WITH ME!

THAT NIGHT, AT THE CASINO, LOIS IS THE FOCUS OF ALL EYES...

IT IS ZEE FAMOUS LOIS LANE... ZEE GIRL WITH ZEE GOLDEN ARM! THEY SAY THAT JEWEL SHE WEARS BRINGS HER GOOD FORTUNE! BUT LUCKY CHARMS ARE A MERE SUPERSTITION!

I CERTAINLY HOPE HE'S RIGHT!

BUT WITH THE FIRST SPIN OF THE ROULETTE WHEEL...

NUMBER 22 ON THE RED!

I BET THE ENTIRE $1,000 ON THE RED AND DOUBLED MY MONEY! HOW AWFUL! I MUST GET RID OF THAT PENDANT BEFORE I PLAY ANYMORE!

SUDDENLY, LOIS HEARS A SINISTER WHISPER...
DON'T LOOK NOW, MISS LANE, BUT THAT'S A GUN AGAINST YOUR RIBS! LOOK NONCHALANT, OR IT'S YOUR FINISH!
GULP! A GUN! I'D BETTER DO AS THIS CHARACTER SAYS!

ANOTHER WHISPERED ORDER, AND LOIS HEADS FOR THE DOOR...
GREAT SCOTT! LOIS LANE IS LEAVING HER WINNINGS ON THE TABLE!
BAH! WITH HER LUCK, MONEY MEANS NOTHING TO HER!
GROAN! NO ONE SUSPECTS WHAT'S GOING ON! THIS HOOD HAS HIS GUN HIDDEN! I WONDER WHERE HE'S TAKING ME?!

LOIS SOON FINDS HER ANSWER AS THE HOOD AND AN ACCOMPLICE TAKE HER TO HER HOTEL SUITE ...
ALL RIGHT, OPEN THAT SAFE! WE WANT THE DOUGH YOU'VE GOT LOCKED UP INSIDE!
SO THAT'S WHAT YOU'RE AFTER!
WAIT! I'VE SEEN THESE CHARACTERS SOMEWHERE!

AS LOIS OPENS THE SAFE...
HOLD IT! YOU TWO WERE THE SECURITY GUARDS AT MY LAS VEGAS HOTEL! YOU MUST HAVE FOLLOWED ME HERE TO GET MY WINNINGS!
YOUR WINNINGS? HA, HA! YOU DUMB DAME! ACE BOWER LET YOU WIN THAT HUNDRED GRAND! IT WAS ALL FIXED!

THIS DOUGH IS HOT! THE PROCEEDS OF A BANK ROBBERY! EVERY NUMBER ON THOSE BILLS IS REGISTERED WITH THE COPS! WE PLAYED YOU FOR A SUCKER! YOU HELPED US GET IT OUT OF THE COUNTRY, PAST CUSTOMS!
HELPED YOU? GULP! I I-I DON'T UNDERSTAND!
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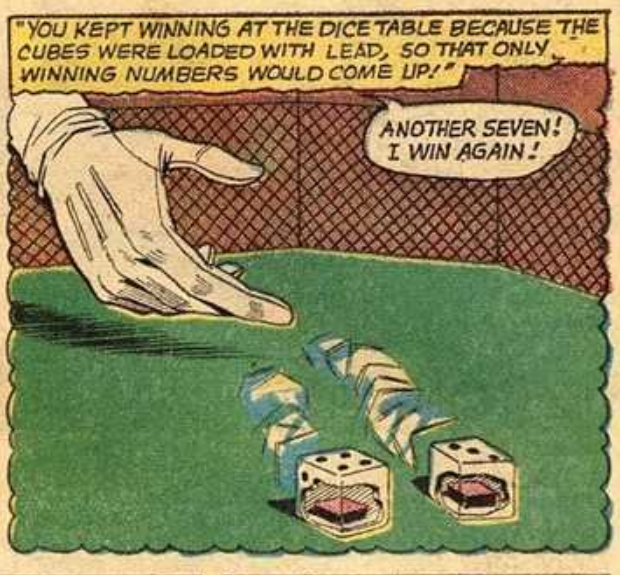
"IT WAS EASY. OUR BOSS, ACE, WAS WATCHING YOU ON TV WHEN HE SUDDENLY GOT THE BIG IDEA..."
...AND IF I WIN AT LAS VEGAS, SUPERMAN WILL FLY ME TO MONTE CARLO!
SO SUPERMAN IS GOING TO FLY HER OUT OF THE COUNTRY! WELL, THAT GIVES ME AN IDEA! WE'LL USE THAT MASS OF MUSCLES TO SMUGGLE OUT THAT HOT MONEY WE GOT FROM THE BANK ROBBERY!

"THAT 'LUCKY' JEWEL SUPERMAN GAVE YOU PLAYED RIGHT INTO OUR HANDS! WE LET YOU THINK YOU WERE ON A WINNING STREAK..."
THAT LANE DAME THINKS SHE CAN'T LOSE BECAUSE OF THAT SILLY PENDANT SUPERMAN GAVE HER! IF SHE ONLY KNEW THAT I'M CONTROLLING THE SLOT-MACHINE WITH THIS ELECTRO-MAGNET!
HA! LIKE YOU FOOLED HER WITH THE OTHER GIMMICKS!


"YOU KEPT WINNING AT THE DICE TABLE BECAUSE THE CUBES WERE LOADED WITH LEAD, SO THAT ONLY WINNING NUMBERS WOULD COME UP!"
ANOTHER SEVEN! I WIN AGAIN!

"AND WHEN YOU WON AT ROULETTE, IT WAS BECAUSE OF A SPECIAL WHEEL WE HAD RIGGED SO THAT AN INVISIBLE BLAST OF COMPRESSED AIR WOULD PUSH THE BALL INTO THE SPACE OCCUPIED BY THE WINNING NUMBER!"
INCREDIBLE! THE LADY WINS AGAIN!

SO YOU PLAYED ME FOR A SUCKER! WELL, YOU WON'T GET AWAY WITH IT! WHEN I TELL SUPERMAN ABOUT YOUR CROOKED SCHEME...
YOU'RE NOT TELLING ANY-ONE ANYTHING! I'LL FIX THAT RIGHT NOW!

THAT SHOULD KEEP YOU QUIET!
COME ON! LET'S GET OUT OF HERE!
BANG!

BUT IN THE NEXT INSTANT...
IT'S SUPERMAN! WHERE DID HE COME FROM?
I WAS PATROLLING IN THIS AREA, AND MY SUPER-HEARING DETECTED THE SOUND OF YOUR SHOT! NOW IT'LL BE JAIL FOR YOU BOTH!
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HA! YOU MAY HAVE CAUGHT US, BUT I'LL BE FAMOUS AS THE GUY WHO RUBBED OUT SUPERMAN'S GIRL FRIEND!
HE KILLED LOIS!... AT THE CLOSE RANGE HE FIRED, HE COULDN'T HAVE MISSED!

BUT JUST THEN, LOIS COMES TO...
LOIS! YOU'RE ALIVE! THANK HEAVENS!
SUPERMAN! I THINK I KNOW WHAT HAPPENED! THAT BULLET HIT THE PENDANT! THE FORCE OF THE IMPACT KNOCKED ME OUT!

AFTER LOIS TELLS OF THE CRIMINALS' CROOKED SCHEME...
I SEE! THEY WERE JUST USING YOU TO HELP THEM SMUGGLE THAT STOLEN CASH ABROAD! THEY FIXED IT SO YOU COULD WIN ALL THAT MONEY! THE KRYPTONIAN CHARM HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH YOUR LUCK!
YOU MAY BE WRONG ABOUT THAT! AFTER ALL, THE PENDANT STOPPED THE BULLET AND SAVED MY LIFE!

AFTER THE CRIMINALS AND LOOT ARE TURNED OVER TO THE POLICE, SUPERMAN FLIES LOIS BACK TO METROPOLIS...
GOODBYE, LOIS! I'D BETTER RETURN THIS CHARM TO MY FORTRESS FOR YOUR OWN SAFETY, OR EVERY CRIMINAL IN THE COUNTRY WILL BE AFTER IT!
DAILY
A GOOD IDEA! GOODBYE, SUPERMAN!
WITH THAT HANDSOME DEVIL AROUND TO KEEP AN EYE ON ME, WHO NEEDS A LUCKY CHARM?

BUT IRONICALLY, THAT AFTERNOON, LOIS' FORTUNES TAKE A SUDDEN TURN...
OKAY, LADY! YOU CAN READ! PAY UP!
¡GROAN! WHAT A REVOLTING DEVELOPMENT! I FORGOT MY WALLET! ONE DAY I'M LOADED WITH MONEY, AND THE NEXT I CAN'T EVEN PAY FOR A HAMBURGER!
PLEASE PAY WHEN SERVED
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Dear Editor: In a recent issue of JUSTICE LEAGUE OF AMERICA, someone wrote in and named actors to play the roles of the various heroes. So I thought it would be appropriate to suggest established actors and actresses for the Superman "family." So here goes: Lois Lane—Mary Tyler Moore; Lana Lang—Virginia Gibson; Superman—Richard Egan; Perry White—Forest Tucker; Lex Luthor—William Frawley. What do you think of my choices?

Alan Dean, Jasonville, Ind.

(Frankly, we're not too impressed. Most of your nominations involve personalities who are not widely known. William Frawley, although an excellent actor, seems too old to portray Luthor. We'll throw this open to our readers and invite them to send in nominations which have a better chance of scoring a bull's-eye.—Ed.)

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Dear Editor: I enjoyed your recent story, "Lois Lane's Teen-Age Romance With Superman." But I think I spotted a goof in it. When you show Superman and Lois exiting from the office of the Justice of the Peace, you show Superman blushing. However, in ACTION COMICS No. 298 you show Superman thinking to himself: "I can never blush because of my skin." Explanation, please!

John Bogusz, Philadelphia, Pa.

(We blush to admit that we can't think of one. However, to keep the record straight, the Man of Steel *can* blush, just as he can also cry, laugh and register other human emotions. We apologize for the previous, erroneous misstatement in ACTION COMICS.—Ed.)

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Dear Editor: In issue No. 29 of LOIS LANE you featured a story, "The Irresistible Lois Lane," in which Lois helped save Superman's life by executing a pre-arranged "Plan L." In ACTION COMICS No. 295 Perry White cooperated with SUPERMAN by carrying out a pre-arranged "Plan P." And in JIMMY OLSEN No. 68, in the story, "The Helmet of Hate," Jimmy Olsen saved the day for the Man of Steel by doing his bit with pre-arranged "Plan J." Now, if the Planet staff knew about Plans L, P, and J, then why isn't Lois Lane suspicious as to why Superman hasn't arranged a Plan C for Clark Kent to execute some day?

Gary Gerding, Austin, Texas.

(Patience! Clark Kent, even though he is secretly Superman, will carry out a "Plan C" when it is most advantageous to him. In the meanwhile, watch for a "Plan K" for Krypto and a "Plan LA" for Lana and a "Plan LO" for Lori the Mermaid.—Ed.)

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Dear Editor: Your LOIS LANE ANNUAL (No. 2) was great, but unfortunately I spotted a mistake. In the story, "Lois Lane in Hollywood," on Page 23, panel 1, Lois is saying: "Here's the prop gold cup for the next scene, Mr. Zorne." If you'll examine this scene, you will see that the cup is silver, not gold. You can answer with a wisecrack.

Mike Meridier, Kenner, La.

(The cup was painted silver in honor of SUPERMAN's Silver Anniversary, being celebrated this year.—Ed.)

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Dear Editor: I found your recent story, "The Girl Who Destroyed Atlantis," quite entertaining. But in this yarn Klar-Kan is wearing eyeglasses. To our knowledge, eyeglasses were not in existence in 10,000 B.C., when this story was supposed to have occurred. Eyeglasses, or spectacles as they used to be called, were invented around the 1500's. It looks like your artist wasn't wearing his glasses when he illustrated this story.

Chris Huba & Jeanne Swift, Colonia, N.J.

(Come, now. If we accept the idea of an ancient civilization like that of Atlantis', in which such inventions as television, weather control towers, and anti-gravity cars existed—inventions shown in this story to which you didn't object—why do you find it so illogical for this superior race to have invented a lowly pair of eyeglasses?—Ed.)

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Dear Editor: Who are you kidding? The villain in the story, "The Girl Who Destroyed Atlantis," is ROH-TUL. Spelled backwards, that name is You-know-who, Superman's arch-enemy? Did you deliberately slip in this name to see if we readers would notice it?

(Thgir! Pretty sneaky of us, wasn't it?—Ed.)

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Dear Editor: My children have your LOIS LANE ANNUAL and I've been reading it myself. I want to thank you for the lessons in reverence for life which pervade this book. The attitude that animals have the right to live and that man should treat

them with kindness is something we need. You've put it over beautifully. We who love animals and who work to civilize man's relationship with them appreciate the wonderful help you folks are giving us. Thank you very much.

Mrs. Hope Buyukmihei, Franklinville, N.Y.

(And thank YOU! Readers will be interested to know that Mrs. Buyukmihei is a member of a Wildlife Refuge organization, and is a noted animal artist in her own right.—Ed.)

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Dear Editor: May I comment on a story you published a few issues back, "Lois Lane, Correspondent." It was excellent, but I spotted one error. After the monorail accident, when Rinaldo is being taken away from the scene, he is walking on his left leg. But when they reach the house, he is shown walking on his right leg, which is supposed to have been broken. You goofed.

Gene Adams, Kansas City, Mo.

(No we didn't. This was a deliberate clue planted in the story to tip off the alert reader that Rinaldo was a fraud. How many readers spotted this plant? —Ed.)

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Dear Editor: I am sick and tired of the way Superman is teaching Lois and Lana lessons all the time for being inquisitive or for being too reckless. How

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Man of Steel a thing or two?

Karen Ruck, Saginaw, Mich.

(Don't you think Lois was pretty rough on SUPERMAN in the story, "Lois Lane's Revenge on Superman," published in LOIS LANE No. 32? However, for those fans who are after Superman's scalp, we promise an early story in which the two gang up on their idol to give him a well-deserved lesson.—Ed.)

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Dear Editor: In the July issue of LOIS LANE, on Page 9, Panel 2, you show a "close-up" of Lois wearing a diving mask. But the picture is wrong, because in a diving mask there are indented parts next to the nose. Here there are none. The reason for these indentations are so the diver can pinch his nose, thus enabling him to blow air through his Eustachian tubes and equalize the pressure on his eardrums caused by the water. Being a diver, I know this is a true fact.

Robert Fleischmann, Bayside, N.Y.

(We respect your criticism and your aqua-facts. But you overlook the fact that this diving mask was an invention of the Atlantis people, given to Lois by Lori the Mermaid. Obviously, this model operated on a principle different from the one you describe.—Ed.)

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Dear Editor: I still am campaigning for a LANA LANG comic book. I must admit I do like Lois very much, but Lana's looks, personality and clever brain intrigue me too. So how about it?

John A. Lenfesty, Los Angeles, Calif.

(As we've said before, Lana appears regularly in the stories in SUPERBOY and ADVENTURE COMICS, and quite often on their covers, while Lois Lane is completely absent from these companion magazines of ours. However, as a concession to the multitude of Lana Lang followers, we promise that the next LOIS LANE ANNUAL will feature at least 50% Lana Lang adventures.—Ed.)

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Dear Editor: I am 23, a housewife with 3 children, but they are fairly good children, and I keep my house clean. It takes about 4 hours to clean it and prepare meals, so I have quite a bit of spare time to read, which is my favorite hobby. I just adore Lois Lane. She's cute as a button, always getting into hot water. (She reminds me of Mary Tyler Moore, of the Dick Van Dyke TV show, the way she is always getting into trouble and crying her pretty little head off.). And I think your "Imaginary Stories" of Superman being married to Lois are simply wonderful. Do keep up the great work!

Elva Evans, Sheffield, Texas.

(We're always gratified to hear from the parents of our readers, many of whom were fans of the "Superman Family" of magazines in their youth.

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"DEAR DR. CUPID!"

POOR CLARK! LAUGHING ON THE OUTSIDE, CRYING ON THE INSIDE! I'VE GOT **PROOF** HE'S BEEN WRITING ANONYMOUS LETTERS IN WHICH HE IS TRYING TO WHEEDLE OUT OF ME **HOW** HE CAN GET **ME** TO MARRY **HIM**-- I'LL HAVE TO HANDLE THIS WITH GREAT TACT AND DELICACY...!

DAILY PLANET

"DR. CUPID" ADVICE COLUMN

ONE DAY AT THE **DAILY PLANET**, EDITOR PERRY WHITE GIVES LOIS LANE A NEW ASSIGNMENT...

LOIS, OUR ADVICE-TO-THE-LOVELORN COLUMNIST BROKE HER LEG, SO YOU'LL HAVE TO TAKE OVER THE **DR. CUPID** DEPARTMENT UNTIL SHE GETS BETTER! YOU CAN START ON THIS MORNING'S MAIL!

¡GULP!¡ ER... OKAY, PERRY!

"DR. CUPID" ADVICE COLUMN

THESE LETTERS ARE FROM READERS WHO HAVE ROMANTIC PROBLEMS CONCERNING THEIR SWEETHEARTS, THEIR WIVES AND THEIR HUSBANDS'! THEY'LL BE DEPENDING ON **YOU**, AS **DR. CUPID**, FOR ADVICE!

HOW IRONIC! I CAN'T EVEN GIVE MYSELF ADVICE ON HOW TO WIN **SUPERMAN!**

"DR. CUPID" ADVICE COLUMN

LATER, AS LOIS SETTLES DOWN INTO HER NEW CHORE...

PERRY SAID I'M TO PICK OUT THE FIVE BEST LETTERS AND PRINT THEM, WITH MY ANSWERS, IN THE EVENING EDITION! AH! THIS ONE LOOKS INTERESTING!

Dear Dr. Cupid,
Please help me! I had a fight with my boy-friend, and now he avoids me. How can I make up?
"Bad Temper"

DEAR "BAD TEMPER": SEND YOUR BOY-FRIEND A PAIR OF BOXING GLOVES WITH A NOTE TELLING HIM THAT YOU'RE TIRED OF FIGHTING HIM AND WANT TO "HANG UP" YOUR GLOVES. IF HE HAS A SENSE OF HUMOR, HE'LL FORGIVE YOU!

"DR. CUPID" ADVICE COLUMN

LATER, AS JIMMY OLSEN RETURNS FROM THE COFFEE SHOP...

HERE'S YOUR COFFEE, LOIS... I MEAN **DOCTOR CUPID!** SAY, BE A GOOD PAL AND ADVISE ME HOW I CAN GET YOUR SISTER LUCY TO MARRY ME!

SORRY, JIMMY, BUT I CAN'T PLAY FAVORITES! YOU'LL HAVE TO WRITE ME A LETTER LIKE ALL THE OTHERS!

THEN, AS SHE GETS BACK TO WORK...

Dear Dr. Cupid,
My girl friend is a nurse at the Metropolis Hospital. But I'm worried she may fall in love with one of the doctors there. What can I do?

GET SICK AND BECOME A PATIENT IN HER HOSPITAL. THEN YOU CAN KEEP AN EYE ON HER!

A FEW DAYS LATER...

A PACKAGE FOR YOU, MISS LANE! IT'S ADDRESSED TO **DOCTOR CUPID**, BUT SINCE YOU'RE WRITING HER COLUMN FOR A WHILE...

THANKS, BILL! MAYBE SOMEONE WHO DIDN'T LIKE MY ADVICE IS SENDING ME A BOMB! HA, HA!

A MINUTE LATER...

OH, HOW DARLING! A READER WHO LANDED A HUSBAND BY FOLLOWING MY ADVICE HAS SENT ME A SLICE OF HER WEDDING CAKE IN GRATITUDE! SHE USED TO SIGN HER LETTERS "BROKEN-HEARTED", BUT NOW HER NEW SIGNATURE IS... "OVERJOYED"!

HOW ABOUT THAT!

SHORTLY...

Dear Dr. Cupid:

I need your help DESPERATELY. There's a beautiful girl I've seen daily in an office for years, but I haven't the nerve to woo her. How can I make her fall in love with me ?

"Stuck-in-the-Mud"

YOU CAN START BY PUTTING FLOWERS ON HER DESK! SHE'LL BE CURIOUS AS TO WHO GAVE THEM TO HER, AND HER AROUSED INTEREST ***MIGHT*** BLOSSOM INTO LOVE!

NEXT MORNING, AS LOIS COMES TO WORK...

FLOWERS--WITHOUT A CARD!--GASP!--IT'S... ALMOST AS THOUGH "STUCK-IN-THE-MUD" IS FOLLOWING THE ADVICE I PRINTED IN ***YESTERDAY AFTERNOON'S*** PAPER... AND THAT ***I'M*** THE ONE HE'S INTERESTED IN!!

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WHAT A RIDICULOUS THOUGHT!... HMM, CLARK IS WEARING A CARNATION... AND THERE ARE CARNATIONS AMONG THE MIXED FLOWERS IN MY BOUQUET!--OH, WELL, IT MUST BE A COINCIDENCE!

THE FOLLOWING DAY...

Dear Dr. Cupid:

I put some flowers on the girl's desk. I think she was pleased. How should I make her notice me more ?

"Stuck-in-the-Mud"

WEAR A BRIGHT NEW TIE--AND YOU MAY SOON BE TYING THE WEDDING KNOT!

AND THE NEXT DAY, AFTER "***DOCTOR CUPID'S***" ANSWER HAS APPEARED IN THE EVENING EDITION...

CHUCKLE! WHAT A ***LOUD*** TIE CLARK IS WEARING! HOW UNLIKE HIM! USUALLY, HE DRESSES SO... CONSERVATIVELY!

GULP!--I--***LOUD TIE!***--I ADVISED "STUCK-IN-THE-MUD" TO WEAR A BRIGHT TIE--AND CLARK DID! THEN THERE'S THE BUSINESS OF THE CARNATIONS RECENTLY, AND CLARK WORE ONE ON HIS LAPEL! THERE CAN BE ONLY ONE ANSWER! ***CLARK IS "STUCK-IN-THE-MUD"***... AND HE LOVES ***ME*** DESPERATELY!

CLARK HAS SO LITTLE CONFIDENCE IN HIMSELF, HE'S BEEN GETTING ME TO MASTERMIND HIS CAMPAIGN TO WIN ME! WHILE HE'S IN PERRY'S OFFICE, I'LL CHECK MY HUNCH BY COMPARING SOMETHING CLARK TYPED AGAINST ONE OF "STUCK-IN-THE-MUD'S" TYPED LETTERS!
CLARK KENT

SOON...
AH-HA! THE LETTER "A" IS SIMILARLY RAISED SLIGHTLY OUT OF LINE ON BOTH SHEETS, A TYPE-DEFECT WHICH PROVES THEY WERE BOTH TYPED ON THE SAME TYPEWRITER!
Dear Dr. Cupid:
I put some flowers on
By Clark Kent:
Today all Metropolis will participate in a

NEXT DAY, ANOTHER LETTER ARRIVES FROM YOU-KNOW-WHO...
I KNOW HOW TO GET MORE PROOF THAT CLARK WROTE THIS!
Dear Dr. Cupid:
I wore that new tie, but I'm not sure the girl I love saw it. What'll I try now?
"Stuck-in-the-Mud"

"ABSENCE MAKES THE HEART GROW FONDER", THEY SAY! MAYBE THE GIRL OF YOUR DREAMS WON'T THINK YOU'RE SUCH A "STUCK-IN-THE-MUD"... AND STOP TAKING YOU FOR GRANTED... IF YOU GO AWAY FOR A WHILE! IN OTHER WORDS, PLAY HARD TO GET!

THE DAY AFTER LOIS' LATEST ADVICE TO "S-I-T-M" IS PRINTED...
THANKS FOR VOLUNTEERING TO INVESTIGATE THAT PHONEY OIL-STOCK RACKET DOWN SOUTH, CLARK!
SEE YOU IN ABOUT A WEEK, BOSS!
CLARK SWALLOWED THE BAIT, JUST AS I FIGURED HE WOULD!

HE VOLUNTEERED FOR THAT ASSIGNMENT HOPING HIS ABSENCE WILL MAKE ME GROW FONDER OF HIM... JUST AS I SUGGESTED IN MY COLUMN! POOR CLARK! HE SHOULD KNOW BY NOW THAT MY HEART BELONGS TO SUPERMAN!

A WEEK LATER...
HI, LOIS! I JUST GOT BACK! DID YOU MISS ME?
I KNEW THAT WOULD BE HIS FIRST QUESTION!
I'VE BEEN SO BUSY, I HARDLY NOTICED YOU WERE GONE! LOOK--BILL HAS AN ENTIRE SACK OF MAIL FOR DOCTOR CUPID TODAY!
NEXT DAY...
Dear Dr. Cupid:
I went away like you suggested, but when I came back, the girl I adore didn't seem to have missed me at all. Please tell me how to win her. I can't bear this agony much longer.
"More-Stuck-in-the Mud-than-ever"
I EXPECTED THIS!
THIS FARCE HAS GONE FAR ENOUGH! ONLY ONE WAY TO FINISH IT QUICKLY...!
TAKE THE GIRL TO A ROMANTIC SETTING AND PROPOSE! THIS WAY YOU'LL LEARN, ONCE AND FOR ALL, WHETHER OR NOT YOU CAN WIN HER!
SHORTLY...
I'VE BEEN ASSIGNED TO COVER THE OPENING OF A NEW AMUSEMENT PARK, LOIS! CARE TO COME ALONG?
I'D LOVE IT!
HE MUST'VE OVERHEARD ME DICTATING MY ANSWER TO HIS LETTER. HE SURE ISN'T LOSING ANY TIME SNAPPING UP MY SUGGESTION! WELL, I'LL LET HIM DOWN AS GENTLY AS POSSIBLE!
LATER, IN A CONCESSION AT THE PARK...
THESE TABLEAUX OF GREAT ROMANCES OF HISTORY AND FICTION ARE FASCINATING! THE WAX FIGURES LOOK SO REAL!
I'VE A HUNCH CLARK IS GOING TO PROPOSE ANY MINUTE NOW!
ROMEO & JULIET BALCONY SCENE
LOIS, THERE'S SOMETHING I WANT TO TELL YOU...
I ALREADY KNOW! YOU'RE STUCK-IN-THE-MUD". YOU'VE BEEN WRITING ANONYMOUSLY TO DR. CUPID BECAUSE YOU'RE DYING TO MARRY ME!
ANTHONY AND CLEOPATRA ON NILE

I'M FLATTERED YOU'RE SO MAD ABOUT ME, CLARK! BUT HONESTLY, YOU'RE JUST WASTING YOUR TIME PROPOSING TO ME BECAUSE...
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT, LOIS? I HAVEN'T WRITTEN ANY LETTERS TO YOUR LOVELORN COLUMN! FURTHERMORE...

...I ONLY STARTED TO TELL YOU SOMETHING PERRY ASKED ME TO BREAK GENTLY TO YOU! HE KNOWS YOU'D LIKE TO QUIT THE COLUMN AND GO BACK TO NEWS REPORTING WHILE SOMEONE ELSE WRITES DOCTOR CUPID... BUT YOU'VE BEEN DOING SUCH A GREAT JOB, HE WANTS YOU TO HANDLE THAT ASSIGNMENT A COUPLE MORE WEEKS!
HELEN OF TROY'S TROJAN ROMANCE

NOW JUST A MINUTE, CLARK! I ADVISED "STUCK-IN-THE-MUD" TO PUT FLOWERS ON THE DESK OF THE GIRL HE LOVED! THERE WERE CARNATIONS ON MY DESK NEXT DAY...AND YOU WORE ONE OF THEM! DO YOU DENY THAT?
NO! I TOOK ONE MEASLY FLOWER, THINKING YOU WOULDN'T MIND! AFTER ALL, WE'RE FRIENDS!

OKAY, THAT'S POSSIBLE, BUT... AFTER I ADVISED "STUCK-IN-THE-MUD" TO WEAR A BRIGHT NEW TIE, YOU DID!
ANOTHER COINCIDENCE, LOIS! THAT LOUD TIE I WORE WAS THE ONE PERRY GAVE ME FOR CHRISTMAS. WHEN HE READ YOUR COLUMN TELLING 'STUCK-IN-THE-MUD" TO WEAR A BRIGHT TIE, IT REMINDED HIM ABOUT THE ONE HE'D GIVEN ME. SO I WORE IT, NOT TO HURT HIS FEELINGS!
TUNNEL OF GREAT ROMANCES

HMM! MAKING YOURSELF ABSENT FOR A WEEK ALSO COULD HAVE BEEN A COINCIDENCE... AND SO COULD YOUR INVITING ME HERE! BUT HOW COME ALL THE "STUCK-IN-THE-MUD" LETTERS WERE TYPED ON YOUR TYPEWRITER?!
YIPES! WHAT AN ERROR!!

ER... I JUST REMEMBERED A MISTAKE I WROTE IN AN ARTICLE THAT'S GOING TO PRESS SOON! PLEASE FINISH COVERING THIS STORY FOR ME, LOIS! 'BYE!
HMM... DID HE AVOID ANSWERING MY QUESTION BECAUSE HE CAN'T THINK OF A CONVINCING ALIBI??

NEXT DAY, AT THE OFFICE...
?--WAS CLARK TELLING THE TRUTH LAST NIGHT... OR COVERING UP BECAUSE I TURNED HIM DOWN, TO SAVE HIS PRIDE ?
BUT THEN, SOMEONE DID SEND ME THOSE LETTERS WRITTEN ON A PLANET TYPEWRITER ! COULD IT HAVE BEEN JIMMY OR PERRY... PLAYING A JOKE ON ME ?
I'VE GOT TWO SACKS OF MAIL FOR YOU TODAY, MISS LANE ! IT SEEMS LIKE EVERYONE IN METROPOLIS WANTS YOUR ADVICE !
ER... I'D BE HONORED IF YOU WENT TO THE POSTMEN'S DANCE WITH ME TOMORROW NIGHT... LOIS ! I'VE GOT A PAIR OF TICKETS !
IT'S SWEET OF YOU TO INVITE ME, BILL, BUT...
DOGGONE IT, LOIS... I MEAN, MISS LANE ! I DON'T UNDERSTAND YOU ! I'VE DONE EVERY-THING YOU TOLD ME TO, YET I'M NOT GETTING ANY PLACE WITH YOU !
WHAT IN THE WORLD ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT ?
I'M TALKING ABOUT YOUR ANSWERS TO THOSE LETTERS I SENT ! I GAVE YOU FLOWERS, I WORE A BRIGHT BOWTIE... I EVEN TOOK MY WEEK'S VACATION THREE WEEKS EARLIER BECAUSE YOU ADVISED ME THAT "ABSENCE MAKES THE HEART GROW FONDER"...
THEN YOU'RE...! OH, NO!!
I NEVER NOTICED BILL'S NEW TIE BEFORE... AND I DIDN'T PAY ANY ATTENTION TO THE SUBSTITUTE MAILMAN THAT TOOK HIS PLACE WHILE HE WAS ON VACATION! AFTER ALL, HE WAS ONLY THE MAILMAN...!

AND NOW THAT I WANT TO TAKE YOU TO A ROMANTIC PLACE AND PROPOSE, YOU DON'T WANT TO GO!
OH, MY GOODNESS! I NEVER DREAMED YOU FELT THIS WAY ABOUT ME, BILL! PLEASE ANSWER AN IMPORTANT QUESTION...!
DR. CUPID ADVICE UNIT
ALL THE LETTERS SIGNED "STUCK-IN-THE-MUD" WERE TYPED ON CLARK'S TYPE-WRITER! HOW WAS THAT POSSIBLE?
MR. KENT HAS BEEN LETTING ME USE HIS TYPEWRITER DURING HIS LUNCH HOUR FOR YEARS! I GUESS YOU NEVER NOTICED! NOBODY NOTICES ME MUCH, I SUPPOSE...
CLARK KENT
CHOKE!--I'VE BEEN A FOOL TO HOPE YOU'D FORGET SUPERMAN AND MARRY ME!...I'LL HAVE MY-SELF TRANSFERRED TO ANOTHER ROUTE AND TRY TO FORGET YOU! IT WON'T...BE EASY...
GOODBYE, BILL! I'M SORRY... REALLY I AM...
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HOW AWFUL! I ASSUMED IT WAS CLARK WHO WANTED TO MARRY ME! IT WAS EASY FOR ME TO MAKE THAT MISTAKE, BECAUSE CLARK IS SO SHY!--OH, DEAR! I-I'M SO EMBARRASSED, I COULD DIE! THIS'LL TEACH ME NEVER AGAIN TO JUMP TO WRONG CONCLUSIONS!
MAYBE, LOIS! BUT... WE DOUBT IT!
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HONK!
IT'S WILLY JONES. I'M NOT SPEAKING TO HIM.

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